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To the DIRECTOR.

1. Two regiments of the FOREST[LESNOJ][i] Army, called the PERTH REGIMENT and the CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDERS, have arrived on the Italian front in the region of the river ARINELLI. The regiments belong to the 11th Infantry Brigade of the 5th Armoured Division. The regiments [D] saw action] for the first time [C] 17-18 January].
2. On [C] 29 January) it was announced by the Minister of National Defence, RALSTON[ROLSTON], that Major-General SIDMONDS[SIMMENDS] had been appointed to command a corps with the rank of lieutenant-general. Brigadier FOULKES[FUKS] has been appointed to command a division with the rank of major-general. Lieutenant-Colonel CURRIE[KARRI] has been appointed to command an infantry brigade with the rank of brigadier. According to information in the Press, SIDMONDS has been appointed to command the corps in ITALY, while Major-General CRERAN[GRIBBAR] has taken over command of the 1st Army in ENGLAND from Lieutenant-General McNAULTON[KAHNATON]. ((C) This information is being checked)).
3. The population of the island of NEWFOUNDLAND is 289,000. [4 groups unrecovered], half of whom are serving in the British Navy and the FOREST Army

[25 groups unrecoverable]

[D] serving in] the FOREST forces in ENGLAND. Last year there were (D) 513 women in the women's units of the FOREST Army.

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To LANOV[illl]

State as soon as possible [C] whether one may] certify the destruction of a copy of the Cyrillic and Latin monosyllabic-dinome spell tables from code "[C] #3] O-A" on the same form and at the same time as the destruction of

[42 groups unrecoverable]

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